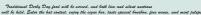
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INVITATION THIRD ANNUAL KENTUCKY DERBY DAY MAPLE LEAF FARM A BENEFIT FOR WESTWIND COMMUNITY BARN

You are invited to celebrate the Fantucky Deeby on May 6, 2006, at Maple Leaf Jorne in Ass Attas Wills. The factorities will begin at 12:00 FM with the 132nd Run for the Roses on a loops crossen TV at 5:05 FM in the magnificent born. Fundreds of local residents have in the past cupoyed this elegant event. were is limited and experted to sell out confu



Juests may once again watch a jumping demonstration by the internationally acclaimed horses at Maple Leaf Jarm. Enjoy this event with your friends and neighbors. The afternoon will be memorable.

Proceeds will benefit Westwind Barn, which is sound by the Town. The event is sponsored by Supporters of Westwind Community Barn, a tax-deductible 501(c)(3) organization. Visit: www.WestwindSupporters.org

You may purchase your tickets for \$150 by calling 941-9503 or write to: DerbyDaytickets @ westwindsupporters.org

Music Training Enriches Public Schools

he sound of music echoes through our public

schools, thanks to programs supported by the generosity of Hills residents and parents.

Music education starts in Kindergarten. The Bullis-purissima Extended Day Kindergarteners use some of the textra" time afforded by the longer program for singing.

funded by parent contributions to the PTA and the Los Altos Education Foundation (LAEF).

Extra-curricular music opportunities abound. Covington chool offers two choral groups, the Daybreakers — named or their 7:45 AM rehearsal time - and the new Coyote

"Music helps children with concentration, math, fine moto skills, and gives them a lifetime of enjoyment," said Ann Wolff, Covington PTA co-president. "We are fortunate that our schools' basic needs are taken care by residents' generous parcel tax, so that PTA and LAEF contributions can go

Older children have week. Formal music

training starts in fourth grade, when every child in

grade, when every child in the Los Altos School District learns to play the recorder and to read music. In fifth and sixth grade, children select an instru-

nent and join a band or rchestra. All this is

APRICOTS TO MOUNTAIN TOPS

Spring Hike Series

A deventure is right here in our own backyard!

Explore the hills and valleys of Los Alno Hills

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space preserves.

We'll walk a vigorous 6-mite loop that includes Packard Orchards,

Packard Orchards, Byme Preserve, and Hidden Villa farm. After a brief stop at the farm, we'll walk on the roadside Path along Moody Rd. and a creek side path through more Town Open Space. This approxi-mately 3-hour hike is a great introduction for anyone wanting to learn more about using Pathways for fitness and fun.

Date: Sunday, April 2 and May 7

Location: Meet at Pathway Marker to Packard Orchards Elena Road and Josefa; next to Foothill College. Parking available along Josefa. Bring water and a snack. No dogs

the Pathway Committee is organizing a fun-for-the whole-family event on our pathways on Earth Day, Saturday April 22nd, the day before the Earth Day event at Westwind Barn. There will be hidden surprise treasures along the trails and special prizes for children!

The purpose is to clean up the beautiful pathways of our town. And it is simple to help out, just: (1) walk, bike or drive to one of the pickup points in town; volun-teers will be at each point to help you; (2) select the path you would like to walk; (3) collect any trash along your trail. That's it!

EARTH DAY AND PATHWAYS: A SPECIAL EVENT

Volunteers will be at each pickup-point to hand out gloves, trash bags, a town pathway map, water bottles, and special hats/t-shirts. At the end of your walk, return to any pickup point to drop-off your trash bags. Children will receive specia prizes for their efforts!

The event will begin on Friday, April 21st when over 200 children from the Bullis Charter will 'kick off' the event as a special, community service project. Then, on Santudy April 22nd (Earth day) all residents are invelted to join in and continue the effort. Please watch the Town Crier for an announcement of times and pickups points, or call the Town Hall at 1650 941-1722 at 16w weeks before the event to get more information of the contract of the contract

Make a difference on the 36th Anniversary of Earth Day this year!



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50th ANNIVERSARY HISTORICAL DISPLAY EXHIBIT AT TOWN HALL





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CALENDAR

March 25th: Mardi Gras - Bullis Charter School Annual Dinner Auction; Info. Call: 941-4708 and

April 23, 2006, Sunday 1-4 PM, Earth Day at Westwind Barn,

& Karen Hoyt of Sky Hunters will be bringing two birds of prey -including an owl and a kestrel.

April 30th: 'Pirates of Penzance', co-production by S.F.Opera Guild and BCS, 2 and 4 pm, Smithwick Theatre, Foothill College, LAH. Info: 948-4100 and

May 6th, Saturday Westwind Barn; 9 AM 5th Annual LAH Pathways Run. Info. 650-941-7222.

May 17-21: BCS plays: 'Aladdin', grades K-4; June 1-11th "For whom the Bell Rings", grades 5-6, Info: 941-7973 and

Inne 4. Sunday LAH Town Picnic

WESTWIND BARN STATUS

ituated deep in the heart of Los Altos Hills adjacent to some of our most beautiful open spaces is Stated deep in the heart of Los Alois Hills adjacent to some of our most beautiful open spaces is real crown jewel of our community. As you proceed northward along Altamont Road, you pass on the right. Often, you can see horses graze on the Preserve as the fog lingers in the morning, Just past the Preserve show own word Westwind Born and the Preserve to your left and Bay views preserve to your word well were the preserve to the process of the proc

Westwind Barn and the adjoining property have been owned by Los Altos Hills since 1975. This property came owned by Los Altos Hills since 1975. This property came into public ownerships as the result of generous gift from Countes Margit Researcys of Hamilton, Montans and a first control of the property. The Town Less and the State acquiring the property, the Town Lessed the facilities to a private organization, Friends of Westwind. The Friends have managed the facility every since. Recently, a second organization. Supporters of Westwind, was created, primarily as a group dedicated to raising money for the reservation of the Bran. Among other himps, Supporters of Westwind sponsers the popular annual Deby

Keeping in mind the importance of this community asset, the Los Altos Hills City Council has taken on the issue of planning the future of Westwind Barn. The council's desire is to secure future availability of the barn to all residents of our community. In addition to preservation and restoration, the Council is also committed to enabling more Parks and Recreation programs and events at the barn.

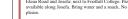
The Council has hired a consultant to inspect the facility and report back on its structural integrity and to The Council has hired a consultant to impect the facility and report back on its structural integrity and to gree perliments or either cost of renovation. Concerner with this review, the Council has created two del fixe. Committees in provide advice to the Council. The first is a committee addressing governance removed fixed to the committee of the council provide advice to the Council has created governance, including developing a strategy to access part bone flunds, other Town funds andore private donations. This committee is expected to report its final recommendations by March. The second committee will then begin its work. It is charged with planning the removation of the Barn and the expanded uses of the Barn. The Town ordered consultant report on the Barn's condition will be an important input into the committee's deliberations.

The Council got actively involved because of the increased community interest in the Barn, greater demand for recreational equestrian activities by our residents and in response to the pressing need to renovate the Barn. The goal is to ensure that this valuable Town asset continues to be available to the increasing number of Town residents who want to participate in the many activities at the bary activities at the bary.

CITY MANAGER - Recent Resignation

The Town has launched a search for the position of City Manager after the resignation of former The Town has lumined a search for the position of Ciry Manager after the seguration of format manager Maneroe Kasingham. The Control thanks Mc. Sansighan for he for years of service to will hire a search firm specializing in Ciry Manager searches. On average, it takes approximately 4.6 months to complete a Ciry Manager search. Cut Cahill has accepted the position of Acting Ciry Manager in the interim. The Ciry Council is seeking input from Town residents as to the characteris-ties we should seek in our next Ciry Manager.

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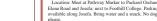








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IAN FENWICK LOS ALTAN OF THE YEAR

The Los Altos Town Crier staff selected Jan Fenwick as the Los Altan of the Year - as a model of leadership and generosity. Jan is known as a goodwill ambassador throughout the community.

Jan has resided in LAH since 1987 and served 12 years as a Director of the Purissima Hills Water District.

Jan is the wife of former LAH avor and city council member

Bob Fenwick.

Jan once taught 4th and 5th grades in the San Carlos School District. Over the years, she maintained her interest in the environ ment by serving for over 30 years with the Environmental Volun-teers, a Palo Alto organization that helps children understand wildlife and nature. She often attends the Westwind Earth Day Celebrations with a collection of small stuffed animals to demon strate their habitats.

The Los Altan of the Year

There is never a task too small or an event too large that Jan and Bob don't open their beautiful ridge top home to help celebrate. Their gracious hospitality and enthusiastic support for non-profits and community events has no equal.

Congratulations to Jan Fenwick as the Los Altan of the Year!

LOS ALTOS HILLS GOES SINGLE-STREAM

Los Altos Garbage Co. has provided encouraging statistics on increased recovery of recyclables when communities go to single-stream recycling, which allows the residents to comming their paper and glass recyclables. Commingling recyclables may seen counter institute but by making it easier for residuest to recycle.

counter-imitive but by making it easier for residents to ecycle, a single-stream excepting programs show a neit increase in respecting material, BFI's state of the art reprocessing plant at Newby Island, Mijhata can only recover about 976 of the material collected by using single-stream recycling, a 5% decrease from the older non-tendent of the state of

bags don't get out and gum up the mechanical separators.) Los Altos Hills residents currently recycle about 60% of their total refuge, which is above the average of about 50% for the state Single stream recycling should help residents to increase this and make Los Altos Hills a notable standout community for recycling.

Jay A. Shideler, Member
LAH Environmental Initiatives Committee

Tragic Death of Cyclist During Storm

On January 1, 2006 during the height of a rain and windstorm a uge Eucalyptus tree was prooted and a branch fell nto a passing bicyclist. Daniel Plummer who was stantly killed. The even curred on Natoma Road ear the intersection of



nember of the Team Spine. a Northern California mateur road racing team. His riding partner, Eric Saltzman was riding ahead of Plummer when the accident or

Funeral services were conducted in Plummer's hometown of Walpole, Massachusetts during the week of January 2nd.

City Takes Action on Eucalyptus Trees

Many roads in the Hills were blocked as a result of fallen trees.

The city council is taking action to assess the current vulnerable ees in the Hills and to look at developing further action plan for

Onen Space Committee WILDLIFE SURVEY

ore than 380 LAH residents returned the wildlife survey sent out in December by the Lopen Space Committee. More than half of respondents volunteered additional detailed information about wildlife they see in their neighborhood. "We were trailled by the level of interest and thoughtfulness that people showed in their responses," says Roeer Spreen, Committee Chair.

The survey asked residents how often they see deer, coyote, bobeats and foxes, primary users of wildlife corridors in LAH. Deer are seen daily by 80% of respondents who live west of Interstate 280 and 17% who live east of 280. Sightings of coyotes, bobeats, and foxes are rare on bot sides, although two-thirds of respondents have seen them at least once. A summary will be published on the Town web site.

The survey is part of the Wildlife Corridor project to identify significant wildlife corridors in the Town, and the information provided by residents will help the ecology consultants (Live Oak Associates) hired by the Town to validate their fieldwork and mapping. Thanks to everyone who sent in a survey!

The Committee is still accepting wildlife surveys. Pick up blank surveys at Town Hall or call 650-815-8286 to have sent to you.

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PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A Creekwise Approach There are six creeks within the Town of Los Altos Hills and se creeks border along

many residential properties. Make the most of your location next to a creek by helping to keep it healthy. Use creekwise gardening and landscaping practices · Never dispose of lawn



clippings disposed in creeks become unsightly, destroy aquatic habitats, and cause diseases in trees.

Take invasive species out - put local native species in

Native plants and trees, which specialize in growing within creek corridor, provide important habitat value unlike many exotic plants.

If you are planning to construct walkways, patios, drive-ways, or storm water drains, consider alternatives with perme-able surfaces to allow more rainwater to soak into the ground.

Build away from the creek

Avoid locating structures such as decks, patios and storage sheds near the creek bank. (The Town of Los Altos Hills requires all structures including patios and decks to be setback at least 25-feet from the top of the creek bank)

Check for erosion regularly and correct problems promptly

• Be sure to seek professional advice and a permit from the
water district before taking action. A Site Development Perm
from the Town is also required for most projects undertaken

"A Creekwise Wise approach" is reprinted with permission of the Santa Clara Valley Water District. www.valleywater.org

LAH County Fire District FREE RRUSH CHIPPING PROGRAM (Your tax dollars working for you!)

he Los Altos Hills County Fire Distinct is offering all residents a free service of chipping and disposal of brush and prunings. This program has been very

The Town has been divided into 6 senarate The Town has been divided into 6 separate areas. Starting in late February through May, each designated area of the Town will be notified of the service by a letter containing a postcard to return informing the contractor of your request to have the service.



The Fire District encourages you to take advantage of this free assistance to make your home more defensible against a wildland fire.

All flammable vegetation should be cleared a minimum of 30 feet around structures.

. Tree limbs should be cut within 10 feet of chimneys

• Trees that are 18 feet or taller should be limbed 6 feet ove the ground.

The Fire District contractor is S. P. McClenahan Co. They ill perform the service during the spring and early summ temember, the postcard must be returned to the S.P. McClenahan Co. for this service to be scheduled. The contractor will call to schedule an appointment with you for the brush chipping service.

The LAH County Fire District services are provided by the Santa Clara County Fire Department.

Los Altos Hills Historical Exhibit

The Town of Los Altos Hills was born out of need to be an independent city - preserving its uniqueness within the Santa Clar Valley as a beautiful rural community with peaceful vistas of rolling foothills and natural open space.

The goal of the Town's 50th Anniversary Historical Display is to present all the threads of the events and people that have formed this community over the decades and weave them into a cohesive narrative and visual tapestry that reflects our unique heritage, values, and personalities. It serves not only as a tribute to its residents but it also serves as a valuable, historical record of a town that has quietly and tacitly changed through those decades.

The display is available to all residents, families, and groups that seek to have a deeper understanding about the legacy and the

You are invited to view the display and the video, "The Treasures of Los Altos Hills" at Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road; Hours: Monday - Friday 7:30 AM - Noon; 1 PM-5:30 PM.

9TH ANNUAL LOS ALTOS HILLS TOWN PICNIC - IUNE 4th

Sunday afternoon, June 4, 2006, from 1 PM to 4 PM at the Little League fields. The Picnic featur lots of entertainment, games and other attractions, as well as a free lunch for all Los Altos Hills residents. Chicken. as a free lunch for all Los Altos Hills residents. Chicken, all-beef hot dogs and vegetarian meals will be cooked by our terrific firefighters from Santa Clara County Firefighters Local # 1165, and served with Firefighters Chili, tossed salad, and gartic bread. Soft drinks, beer, win and ice cream sundaes will be provided.

The Town Picnic will continue the celebration of the Town's Fiftieth Anniversary. The Picnic's brief program will have an anniversary theme, and each resident who checks in at the registration canopy by third base of Little League Field # 2 will

he 9th Annual Town Picnic will be held on

League Field # 2 will receive a gift in celebra-tion of the Town's anniversary. Over 1,300 Town residents attended the Picnic last year, and more are expected this

The Town Picnic is

The Town Picnic is organized by the Community Relations Committee, with help from many other volunteers in Town. You can volunteer to help for half an hour with registration or games or serving beverages or ice cream by calling Town Hall at 941-7222.

Our Town hosts the Picnic as the major annual commu Our Town hosts the Picnic as the major annual commany event that brings together all of our Town residents. Since there is no charge for attending, the picnic is limited to Los Altos Hills residents and Town staff — so do encourage your Los Altos Hills neighbors to attend with you, but pleases do not invite friends from other cities. Also by city ordinance, dogs are not allowed on the fields, so please leave flood at home.

A registration coupon will be mailed to all Town A registration cupon will be manaet to all robusts. A registration residents in May, and advance registration by Monday, May 22nd is required so the appropriate number of meals may be ordered. Many large canopies will be provided, so rain or hot weather does not cancel the picnic.

VIDEO AVAILABLE

"THE TREASURES OF LOS ALTOS HILLS"

DVD copies of the wonderful video "Treasures of Los Altos Hills", which was produced by Nancy Traficanti at part of the Town's 50s Anniversary celebration, are avail at Town Hall for a donation of at least \$5 each.

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Jorseback Riding Classes for Adults & Children

Horseback Riding Classes for Adults & Children
Los Altos Hilb Parks and Recreation Department contit
to offer riding lessons to adults and children at Westward
Barn. Adult beginning and novice
lessons are offered on Monday
mornings. Children beginning
lessons are offered on Unsedays and
children novice lessons are offered
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Parks and Recreation Departmen

on Wednesdays. The adult and novice children

essons are taught by a Jenny Vhitworth, certified by the British Jorse Society to level 4, an extraordinary high level of

Come and enjoy the beauty of Westwind Barn and thrill of riding horses. See the Town website or contact Tod McLemore, Park and Recreations Director of Los Altos Hills or (650) 041, 2222 et (650) 941-7222

IN MEMORIAM LOIS CROZIER HOGLE FIRST LADY OF LOS ALTOS HILLS

ix days after celebrating her 92nd birthday, Lois Crozier Hogle passed away n her beautiful home called Oak Meadow.



Lois a resident of the Hills for

Lois, a resident of the Hills for over 46 years, devoted her life to environmental causes, including co-founding the Committee for Green Foothills with other activists such as Wallace Siegner & Ruth Spangesherp. Even in her last year she was leading by example, when she donated a conservation essement on her II seep property to the Town of Los Altos Hills, to preserve

its natural state as a permanent legacy for future generation A memorial service will be held on March 3rd at 1:30 PM at the

Town Newsletter - Statement of Purpose

To communicate current issues, services, and activiti Hills to the residents of the Town and to facilitate, enco 2006 Newsletter will be published quarterly in the months of March

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